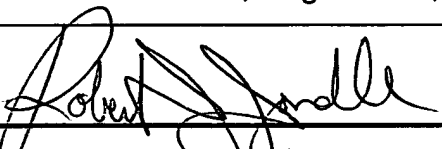


REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 22, 24, 25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Hansen (US Patent No. 6,162,965), Bhojwani et al. (Crop Science 5:24-21), Holton (US Patent No. 5,948,955), Applicant's admitted prior art, and Stomp (US Patent No. 6,040,498). Applicant has amended claims 22 and 28 and has canceled claims 23-27.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the claims satisfy the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Reconsideration of this application and early notice of allowance is requested

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